

Seahorse Tales

TERM 1, ISSUE 11

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

END OF TERM 1

I am immensely proud of the work our staff have done over the past term. It has been an outstanding term in terms of the adoption of our School Plan, implementation of an explicit reading program for all students, and the refinement of a focus on extending all students, in a wide variety of ways.

When one witnesses first-hand the enthusiasm that our students have for learning you feel satisfied that we are creating a wonderful school. (One example of this was the year 2 ~ 1/2H ~ students playing the recorder yesterday with Nicola Fraser; it was fantastic!)

HOLIDAYS

I wish all families a very happy holiday break. The Easter holidays are always a good time to be together (chocolate included!). And to our staff I hope they all have a great break, where they can 'put their feet up', relax and enjoy.

Thank you for the great term.

Staff return on Monday 27th April. Students return on Wednesday 29th April.

Cheers

Graeme Ross, Principal

WOOLGOOLGA CURRYFEST 2009



Each year Woolgoolga's Sikh Indian population stages an amazing celebration of culture and cuisine. This year's 4th Annual Curryfest will be held on Monday April 13, coinciding with the festival of Vaisakhi, which celebrates the Sikh New Year

festival and commemorates 1699 when Sikhism was born as a collective faith.

Curryfest will also coincide with the end of the Sikh Games, also being held on the Coffs Coast over the Easter long weekend.

Our very own Mrs Pam Singh will be having a food stall at the fest. Be sure to support Pam who will be located near the boat ramp area.

TERM 2 FORWARD PLANNER

For Your Diary



- Wk 1** WPS ANZAC Assembly
Impact Leadership Course for Student Leaders
- Wk2** Stage 1 Gymnastics begins and continues all term
P&C Mother's Day Stall
Cross Country
- Wk5** **Education Week**
ICAS Computer Competition
- Wk6** Art Show
- Wk7** Yr5 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Yr6 Brisbane Excursion
ICAS Science Competition
- Wk9** Stage 2 Excursion (tba)
ICAS Spelling & Writing Comp.
- Wk10** Student Reports
- Wk11** Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Please note: further details/dates will be provided in the first newsletter of Term 2.

SPORTZ CENTRAL SUPPORT WPS



A special thanks to Darryn Grant of Sportz Central indoor sports stadium Coffs Harbour for the kind donation of sports equipment to our school. WPS students will certainly put the sporting gear to great use.

Very much appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Last Day of Term 1	Thu 9 Apr
ANZAC Day	Sat 25 Apr
Students Commence T2	Wed 29 Apr
WPS ANZAC Assembly	Fri 1 May

CONGRATULATIONS!

Re: Assemblies

Please note there will be no assemblies this week. Certificates will be presented in Term 2.



Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Travys Downton KD
- ◆ Brock Goodman KD
- ◆ Jacob Gorman KD
- ◆ Shivani Lalli KD
- ◆ Sukhman Gill KK
- ◆ Kea Murray 1RB
- ◆ Bradi Goodman 2C
- ◆ Chenoa Skinner 2C
- ◆ Niam Semple 2C

Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Joshua Murray 5/6R

Principal's Values Award

- ◆ Rubee Frost 1RB
- ◆ Brady Lang 6M

DESPITE THE WEATHER STUDENTS STILL MANAGED TO ENJOY A SIZZLING HOT DAY AT WPS ON MONDAY!



WPS P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support of the Easter Raffle. We had literally hundreds of eggs donated for the Easter hampers and an overwhelming number of raffle tickets were sold.

Congratulations to all students for making such a big effort to sell tickets. And congratulations to all the winners who we trust will enjoy all the sweet treats over the Easter holiday period.

Planning is well under way for our next fundraising event, the 2009 Mother's Day Stall. This will be held on **Friday May 8** at the school. If anyone can spare some time on the Friday before (that is, on Friday May 1) we are looking for volunteers to assist in packaging and wrapping all the lovely gifts.

We will be meeting at 9.30am on Friday morning in the school library. If you can spare some time, even if it is just for one hour, all help will be greatly appreciated.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday period.
2009 P&C Committee



ANZAC DAY MARCH
Saturday 25 April
2009

Annually, Woolgoolga Public School is represented by students at the local ANZAC Day March.

All students who wish to participate are to meet Ms Kerry Dibb and other staff outside the Post Office on Saturday, 25 April, (last Saturday of the holidays), at 10:30 am. We hope to make this our biggest representation yet on ANZAC Day.

Parents worried about their children waiting in the hot sun for the service may like to take their children after the march before the service begins.

All children must be collected by parents at the conclusion of the service.

Sharon Rovere, Coordinator

[Photograph: Courtesy Australian War Memorial](#)

WPS SRC
Profile

Name: Ravi Phoonie

Class: 6M

Favourite Season: Winter

Favourite Food: Peach

Favourite TV Programme: Drake & Josh

Favourite Movie: Kick Boxer

Favourite Song: Let it Rock

Favourite Colour: Blue

Favourite Holiday Destinations: London

Favourite Hobby: Playing football

Favourite Bird: Eagle

Favourite Sport: Football

As a member of the SRC: I would like to be involved in making our school community a safer place for everyone. It means a lot to me to take on the role of school captain and also that people believe in me.



WE NOTICED THAT ...

- ◆ **Ms Tracy Abbott** gave birth to a bouncing little baby boy last Friday and has named him Blake
- ◆ **David Amos** of **5A** has improved so much in swimming that he has moved up a level
- ◆ **1RB** were very conscious of recycling when they cleaned out their desks in preparation for school hols
- ◆ **4/5M** students **Marlay, Sami, Hana** and **Lani** were excellent note runners for the office staff
- ◆ **Miss Nelly Singh** has done a fabulous job of taking **KK** for the past 5 1/2 weeks in Mrs Kingsley absence

WPS Staff
Profile

Name: Graeme Ross

Position: Principal

Favourite Food: Roast Lamb

Favourite Season: Spring

Favourite TV Programme: Vicar of Dibley

Favourite Movie: Gone with the Wind

Favourite Song: Hallelujah (K.D. Lang Version)

Favourite Colour: Blue

Favourite Holiday Destination: Morocco

Favourite Hobbies: Gardening / Cooking

Favourite Animal: My cat Bailey!

Favourite Sport: Swimming



Newsletter Article ~ 5/6R

5/6R boys have got off to a great start in 2009 and are enjoying a range of experiences with many to come. Every Wednesday during Term 1 the boys have participated in swimming for Rock & Water; and on a weekly basis have gardened and run Kindy Aussie sports and Peer Reading.

5/6R has the pleasure of working with Mrs Pam Singh, Ms Tanya Malloy and Mr Chris Browne extending their skills and knowledge in HSIE, Handwriting, Community Language and CAPA. The boys were also fortunate to participate in a visual literacy lesson delivered by Mr Andrew Scrivener, of Woolgoolga High School.

Next term we are looking forward to beginning our choir group every Monday with Christoph, a highly experienced and motivated choir teacher. We are also excited about the installation of an interactive Smart Board in our classroom.

Keep up the great work Boys; you're a pleasure to teach!

Mrs Sharon Rovere, 5/6R Classroom Teacher



Descriptive Writing

The class selected Mr Ross to model their descriptions

Mr Ross was handing out the assembly award while the student waited. He was happy, smiling at the child with the award. Looking busy in his office he was wearing a white shirt, black pants and shoes. He was working at his computer, concentrating. He enjoys giving lollies to children for their good class work. Down on the oval doing duty, looking around and talking to children in a friendly way, he hands out win bins for being sensible. In the COLA he's talking to teachers, laughing and happy. He is a nice, friendly man and principal.

By Dylan Orcher

As his big hazel eyes examined the crowd at assembly one Friday afternoon, this skilled man was called out to present his principal's award. This grateful man slowly strolled to the front of the assembly his shoes shining like a diamond on sale in a jewellery shop. As he made his way to the front his black pants and tie went very well with his white and light blue striped shirt. He gleamed out at all the little kids staring at him. As he started to talk his freshly shaved face moved with his jaw, communicating like the Prime Minister at a meeting. His hair was gelled at the front so his fringe stuck up into the sky like a skyscraper. It was as white as salt and as black as pepper. His nose was the size of a normal mans nose and blended in well with his face. As always he gleamed his shiny whites to the wonderful children. His glasses shined like a mirror as he talked with obvious pride about the children and our school. As he paced back to his seat all the patient kids thought what a wonderful principal he was.

By Josh Murray



FUN THINGS TO TRY AT HOME**Create an Explosion!**

You may have been one of the lucky classes to try a similar experiment with Mrs Goodenough during Science Week last year?

If not, check with your parents to see if you can try this one at home during the school holidays! Mums, dads and carers will enjoy helping with this fun experiment to create some explosive fun with just baking soda and vinegar!

But, be warned ~ it's a bit messy ~ and it is recommended that the experiment be done outside of the house!

What You Need:

- ◆ 6 cups flour
- ◆ 2 cups salt
- ◆ 4 tablespoons cooking oil
- ◆ 1 plastic soda bottle
- ◆ Dishwashing detergent
- ◆ Food colouring (orange makes great lava!)
- ◆ Vinegar
- ◆ Baking dish or other pan
- ◆ 2 tablespoons of baking soda

Activity

1. First make the 'cone' of the baking soda volcano by mixing the flour, salt, cooking oil, and 2 cups of water. The resulting mixture should be smooth and firm (more water may be added if needed).
2. Stand the soda bottle in the baking pan and mold the dough around it into a volcano shape. Don't cover the hole or drop dough into it.
3. Fill the bottle most of the way full with **warm** water and a bit of food colouring (this can be done before sculpting if you don't take so long that the water gets cold).
4. Add 6 drops of detergent to the bottle contents.
5. Add 2 tablespoons baking soda to the liquid.
6. Slowly pour vinegar into the bottle.
7. Watch out - eruption time

What's going on!

When the vinegar hits the baking soda a chemical reaction is triggered.

The reaction creates carbon dioxide and the washing up liquid helps catch the carbon dioxide in the bubbles.

<http://chemistry.about.com>

**'We wish all families a safe and enjoyable
Autumn vacation, and we look forward to seeing you
all again for Term 2 on Wednesday 29 April'**

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**WPS SCHOOL CANTEEN**

OPEN: Tuesday to Friday

CLOSED: Mondays

If you would like to help out, our canteen manager, Maree Hartin would love to hear from you.

WPS WEBSITE OF THE WEEK**Easter Activities ~ Play at Powerhouse**

The Powerhouse has put together a collection of easy to follow instructions and templates to make traditional Easter cards, decorations, gift baskets and decorated boxes.

A really great site if you enjoy Easter craft.

<http://play.powerhousemuseum.com/makedo/easter.php>

TIME TO LAUGH

Q: Did you hear about the lady whose house was infested with Easter eggs?

A: She had to call an eggs-terminator!

Q: What do you need if your Easter eggs mysteriously disappear?

A: You need an eggs-planation!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Woolgoolga Public School does not endorse or make any recommendation concerning community notices

WOOLGOOLGA ART GROUP PROUDLY PRESENTS**Coffs Harbour Lillipilli Art & Craft Exhibition**

Open 18-26 April from 10am to 4pm daily at the Jordan Pavillion, Coffs Harbour Showground. Arts, crafts, paintings, drawings, miniatures and wild and wacky works that have no other home. A record 460 exhibits. \$5 Entry. Enquiries: 6654 1054.

COFFS HARBOUR BLOOD DONOR CENTRE

Open Easter Saturday 9am-2pm, 72 Victoria Street. An 'eggcellent' opportunity for people who can't usually make it to donate during the week to hop in and help save three lives. Please help ensure an adequate blood supply this Easter. Please call 66516844 or 131495 for an appointment.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

For information about 'After School Care', or vacation care, please Ph: 6654 8554 or 1300 656 203. Vacation Care is available each school holiday.

Venue ~ Short Street, Woolgoolga.

Monday
to
Friday